

SUSANVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2017 – 1:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Mayor Garnier.

Roll call of Councilmembers present: Kevin Stafford, Joseph Franco, Mendy Schuster and Kathie Garnier.
Absent: Brian Wilson

Staff present: Dan Newton, Interim City Administrator; Jessica Ryan, City Attorney and Gwenna MacDonald, City Clerk.

1 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Mr. Newton stated that the agenda would be amended to remove Item 3A.

Motion by Councilmember Stafford, second by Mayor pro tem Franco, to approve the agenda as revised; motion carried. Ayes: Stafford, Franco, Schuster and Garnier. Absent: Wilson.

Mayor Garnier announced that a request had been received for staff to introduce themselves to those members of the public who were present.

Staff present introduced themselves by indicating name and job title.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jerry Askey asked why Item 3A had been removed.

Mayor Garnier responded that consideration of Item 3A was removed until all councilmembers were present. Councilmember Wilson was absent and excused from this meeting.

Mr. Askey asked if the public would be notified about the results once the evaluation was complete.

Ms. Ryan explained that a performance evaluation does not mean that there is something bad occurring, and that personnel matters are protected by law to ensure the rights of the employees. If there was any action taken that was considered reportable action by the Government Code, then that information would be announced at the appropriate time.

Jim Mayhen asked how many councilmembers were present when the two police officers were terminated.

Ms. Ryan responded that the City Council is not involved in employee termination for non-managerial staff. The City Council serves as the appeal body for employee terminations and as such, is removed from the process. There are several layers to the process and it is structured that way to protect the privacy rights of the employees.

Mayor Garnier confirmed that details of the termination are not discussed at the Council so that they may remain impartial at the point that they serve as the appeal board for the employee who was terminated.

There were no more public comments.

- 3** **CLOSED SESSION:** At 1:18 p.m. Council entered into Closed Session to discuss the following:
- A PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT - pursuant to Government Code section 54957:
 - 1) Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Police Chief.
 - B CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION— Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 of the California Government Code regarding 2 cases:
 - 1) Mathew Wood Appeal of Termination from City of Susanville
 - 2) Michael Bollinger Appeal of Termination from City of Susanville

4 **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 2:34 p.m. the City Council recessed closed session.

At 2:35 p.m. the City Council reconvened in open session and announced that no reportable action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Gwenna MacDonald, City Clerk

Kathie Garnier, Mayor

Approved on: December 6, 2017